

Executive Director's Report

(For the February 16-17, 2017, Board meeting)

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT: The expedited licensure process through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact was expected to start in January 2017 but it has been delayed so the governing commission can address several issues, including concerns about the licensure renewal process and the handling of information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to a federal criminal records check of an applicant for licensure through the Compact. The commission will hold a teleconference meeting on February 22 to initiate administrative rulemaking to address some of these issues so the licensure process can begin in March or April. On January 1, there were 18 states in the Compact and the enabling legislation was being considered in at least five other states and the District of Columbia.

ACUPUNCTURE RULES UPDATED: A sweeping update of the Board's administrative rules on the licensure and practice of acupuncture is scheduled to become effective March 22. The numerous amendments to 653 IAC Chapter 17 were adopted by the Board on January 19 and were scheduled for final publication in the Administrative Bulletin on February 15. These amendments update requirements for licensure, renewal and reinstatement; identify diagnostic and treatment modalities performed by acupuncturists; provide definitions of additional terms associated with acupunctural services; recognize a licensee's maintenance of certification by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine to satisfy continuing education requirements established in Iowa Code section 272C.2; revise requirements for the display, distribution and retention of a disclosure sheet which contains information for patients; establish requirements for the delegation of certain aspects of treatment; and establish a requirement that licensees report changes in their full legal names and provide a personal e-mail address for correspondence between the Board and the licensee or an applicant for a license.

FSMB ANNUAL MEETING: Board Chair Diane Clark will be Iowa's voting delegate at the Federation of State Medical Boards' House of Delegates meeting on April 22 in Fort Worth, TX. Board members Clark and Kyle Ulveling, M.D., and four members of the Board's staff will attend the FSMB's annual meeting, April 20-22.

BOARD CALENDAR: February 16-April 30, 2017

February 16-17 – Board meeting
February 23-24 – Reserved hearing dates
March 3 – Psychologist prescribing subcommittees meeting

March 9 – Board teleconference meeting,
March 16-17 – Reserved hearing dates
April 13-14 – Board meeting
April 20-21 – Reserved hearing dates